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**RESTAURANT OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO
EMPLOYING ILLEGAL ALIENS IN HIS RESTAURANT**

– Seven illegal aliens provided housing while employed

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JIAN CHAI LIN**, age 34, of 7208 Woodland Drive, Radcliff, Kentucky, in Hardin County, **pled guilty** on December 19, 2006, to unlawfully hiring and employing illegal aliens at his restaurant, the Golden China Buffet, located in Radcliff, Kentucky.

The maximum potential penalties are 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of not more than three years. **Jian Chai Lin** is subject to deportation after serving any sentence.

Jian Chai Lin, who is also an illegal Chinese alien, pled guilty and admitted that between May 10, 2005 and May 10, 2006, he knowingly hired for employment 10 undocumented aliens to work at his Golden China Buffet restaurant in Radcliff, Kentucky. **Jian Chai Lin** hired these individuals, knowing that they had entered the United States illegally. In addition to hiring these individuals, **Jian Chai Lin** provided housing and transportation, both to and from work, at the Golden China Buffet restaurant. Although **Jian Chai Lin** paid the illegal aliens for their work, he was doing so at lower wages for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain.

The investigation began after the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) received a tip that Chinese nationals were being transported by bus and van to and from various

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restaurant locations in the Louisville Metro area. During the investigation, it was determined that **Jian Chai Lin**, the operator of the Golden China Buffet, employed these illegal aliens, who were not listed as required on Wage File Data, filed with the Secretary of State, to work at the Golden China Buffet.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel P. Kinnicutt and Robert J. Kilmartin, and was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The plea was entered before John G. Heyburn, II, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced before the Chief Judge, United States District Court, on March 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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